THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to the World Tourism Organisation preliminary results for the year 1995, India does not figure among the top 20 tourist destinations. The top 20 tourist destinations as per their ranks are France, Spain, United States, Italy, China, United Kingdom, Hungary, Mexico, Poland, Austria, Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Switzerland, Greece, Hong Kong, Portugal, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand.

(c) to (e) The Government is making continuous efforts to attract more foreign tourists to the country through improvement of infrastructural facilities, strengthening of publicity and marketing efforts in the overseas markets and development of human resources for the sector. Steps taken to promote tourism overseas, include advertising through print and electronic media, printing and distribution of publicity material, extending support to tour operators & travel agents, promoting air charters for tourists, participation in fairs and festivals, promoting through direct mail and highlighting the tourist attractions of the country through films, audio-visuals, posters, multivision presentation.

"शेषन ब्लेम्स सेन्टर फॉर आई-कार्ड डिले" शीर्षक के अंतर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार

376. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:** क्या विधि और न्याय मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 9 सितंबर, 1996 के 'दि टाइम्स ऑफ इंडिया' में "शेषन ब्लेम्स सेन्टर फॉर आई-कार्ड डिले" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?

विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री रमाकांत डी० खलप): (क) जी हां।

(ख) निर्वाचन आयोग ने अभी तक सरकारी तौर पर ऐसा कोई विचार व्यक्त नहीं किया है। इसलिए सरकार उक्त समाचार के संबंध में प्रतिक्रिया करना समुचित नहीं समझती है।

Utilization of Allocated amount for National Health Programme by A.P Government

377. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh Government is implementing National Health Programme relating to mother and child health immunisation and family planning;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are 1361 public health centres out of which 666 require construction of building for their functioning;

(c) if so, whether State Government has urged the Central Government to provide funds for construction of 300 PHCs to complete the project;

(d) what is the total allocation made by Central Government and the amount utilised by State Government; and

(e) the total allocation made during 1996-97 for this purpose by the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per information sent by the State Government upto 30.6.96, 736 Primary Health Centres require construction of building. However, no specific proposal for construction of 300 Primary Health Centre has been received in the Ministry.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.